

**Thirteenth Annual/Business Meeting
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
Wednesday, June 11, 2014
6 PM**

Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia, 28 Dog Lane, Mansfield

DRAFT Minutes

1) Call to Order and Welcome

President Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Mr. Lodewick thanked the members for their great support. Mr. Lodewick recognized the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut for their on-going support. He also recognized major Partnership sponsors Karen and Bill Kennedy, LeylandAlliance, the UConn Co-op, Wilcox & Reynolds, and Windham Hospital.

2) Public Comment

Mr. Lodewick recognized Eileen Ossen for the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation's generous contribution of \$190,650 to the Town and the Partnership for the Town Square pavilion roof. Ms. Ossen presented a check to Mr. Lodewick, Town Councilors Betsy Paterson, Toni Moran, and Paul Shapiro, and Town Manager Matt Hart. Ms. Ossen said she believes the Town Square epitomizes the mission of the Foundation to promote the performing arts and community.

3) Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting – June 19, 2013

Betsy Paterson made a motion to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes. Mona Friedland seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4) Remarks from Joshua Newton, President and CEO of the UConn Foundation

Mr. Lodewick welcomed and introduced University of Connecticut Foundation President and CEO Josh Newton. Mr. Newton said he had been at Emory University before he came to UConn, noting that Storrs Center was a draw for him to relocate to UConn.

He said what a great addition Storrs Center has been to Mansfield and it has been used to engage alumni and donors. Many alumni he has met have expressed interest in seeing the new downtown.

Mr. Newton said the Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization with its only mission to raise money for and in support of UConn. He said that UConn is looking to increase its endowment to \$1 billion from \$350 million which would make it commensurate with other public universities ranked in the top 20 in the country.

Mr. Newton said one of the goals of the Foundation is to become more of a partner in the community.

A question and answer period followed Mr. Newton's presentation and included the relationship of the Foundation with the UConn Health Center, and whether UConn would invest in building retirement housing as

other colleges and universities have done. Mr. Newton said the Foundation has a health sciences team as well as staff that represent the regional campuses. Mr. Newton said that UNC-Ashville is a good example of a place where continued education for people in retirement age is a priority (Osher Lifelong Learning Community) and the Osher Foundation gave a \$1 million donation to the UConn Waterbury campus to establish a Lifelong Learning Community at this campus.

5) Election of Director to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors

Mr. Lodewick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, said the Committee was recommending Dean Brid Grant to serve on the Partnership Board for a three-year term. Mr. Lodewick asked if there were any nominations from the Floor. Hearing none, Bill Simpson made a motion to elect Brid Grant to a three-year term on the Board of Directors until June 30, 2017. Beverly Sims seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6) Approval of amendment to the Partnership's Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Lodewick requested a motion to approve an amendment to Article 6 of the Partnership's Articles of Incorporation as adopted by the Board of Directors on April 3, 2014. Article 6 has been amended to be consistent with the changes approved in 2006 by the membership to the Partnership's Bylaws. The change to the Bylaws in 2006 called for members to ratify, by a majority vote, changes to the membership dues as approved by the Board of Directors. Toni Moran made a motion to amend Article 6 of the Articles of Incorporation, as noted. George Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

7) Approval of amendment to the Partnership's Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Lodewick asked for a motion to ratify three amendments to the Partnership Bylaws as approved by the Board of Directors on April 3, 2014:

- 1) Article 1, Section 1 Principal Office: Change of location of the Partnership office from 4 South Eagleville Road to 23 Royce Circle
- 2) Article 5, Section 2 Number of Directors: Add that The Chamber of Commerce, Windham Region, can serve to appoint members to the Board of Directors IF its affiliate, the Mansfield Business and Professional Association has not taken action
- 3) Article 11, Section 2 Contracts: Adds language that no Director or officer shall have any interest in a contract related to the business of the Partnership unless the Partnership's Conflict of Interest Policy and Town of Mansfield's Code of Ethics requirements have been met.

Matt Hart moved to ratify the amendments to the Bylaws. Dee Goodrich seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

8) Approval of change to Partnership membership dues

George Jones, Chair of the Partnership's Membership Development Committee, said the Committee and the Board are recommending that individual membership dues be raised from \$15 to \$25. Mr. Jones noted that with a goal to fund additional events in the downtown, it was not unreasonable to raise membership dues for this one category. Mr. Jones made a motion to change the annual individual membership dues from \$15 to \$25. Shamim Patwa seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

9) Volunteer of the Year

Tom Callahan, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, recognized Karla Fox as the AJ Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year. He noted Ms. Fox's versatility and involvement in many committees at UConn and in the Town. In particular, he recognized Ms. Fox for her work as chair of the Storrs Center Parking Steering Committee and the work the Committee did to set up a cooperative agreement for parking amongst the many property owners in the downtown. Ms. Fox thanked Mr. Callahan for his comments and attributed the success of the downtown to all the volunteers who have contributed.

10) Recognition of Board Member Ted Yungclas

Mr. Lodewick recognized outgoing Board member Ted Yungclas for his service on the Board, and, in particular, his work to bring the Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry to the downtown. Mr. Lodewick accepted a rendering of Storrs Center on behalf of Mr. Yungclas.

11) Adjourn

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Ms. Paterson and seconded by Mr. Callahan to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.